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14 **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

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16 This communication is in response to the Final Office Action dated  
17 October 23, 2006, for which, the three month shortened statutory period for reply  
18 is set to expire on January 23, 2006.

19 A **Claim Amendment** begins on page 2 of this paper; and

20 **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.  
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